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TO SECSTATE WASHDC 982
INFO AMEMBASSY BANGKOK
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AMEMBASSY KUALA LUMPUR
AMEMBASSY MANILA

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TAGS: ETRD, PORG, UNCTAD, SN
SUBJ: US/ASEAN CONSULTATIONS AT INFORMAL COMMON FUND MEETING

REF: (A) STATE 215732, (B) MANILA 15211

1. EMBASSY PASSED INFO CONTAINED REF (A) TO MFA
REGIONAL AND ECONOMIC DIVISION DEPUTY DIRECTOR CHEW
TAI SOO AUGUST 28. WE CHECKED AGAIN AUGUST 31 AND
LEARNED THAT MFA WAS QUERIED ON PRIOR CONSULTATIONS
WITH US BY PHILIPPINE GOVERNMENT AUGUST 30. GOS WILL
BE REPRESENTED AT PRIOR CONSULTATIONS AS WELL AS
INFORMAL COMMON FUND MEETINGS BY ITS PERMANENT REP
IN GENEVA.

2. CHEW IS PERSONALLY PESSIMISTIC ABOUT CHANCES FOR
EARLY AGREEMENT ON COMMON FUND. HE NOTES THAT MALAYSIA
AND INDONESIA ARE NOW TOO DEEPLY COMMITTED TO DISAVOW
RIGID G-77 POSITION ON COMMON FUND EVEN THOUGH SOME
CHANGES WOULD BE IN THEIR ECONOMIC INTERESTS. AFRICAN
COUNTRIES, PARTICULARLY THOSE WITH FEW RESOURCES,
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ARE MAINLY INTERESTED IN SECOND WINDOW AND ARE
UNLIKELY TO BE FLEXIBLE ON G-77 POSITION ON
COMMODITIES PRICE STABILIZATION. CHEW SPECULATED
THAT IF INDUSTRIALIZED COUNTRIES SIMPLY ACCEPTED G-77
PROPOSAL AS IS, G-77 WOULD BE QUICKLY DIVIDED INTO
SPECIAL INTEREST GROUPS; G-77 SOLIDARITY COULD NOT
SURVIVE THE PROSPECT OF ACTUAL IMPLEMENTATION

OF THE SCHEME SINCE MEMBER COUNTRIES' INTERESTS IN
COMMODITIES ARE HIGHLY DIVERGENT.

3. CHEW MENTIONED THAT HORMATS HAD PROMISED HIM AN
ANALYSIS OF COMMON FUND PROPOSALS DURING DINNER
PARTY AT US-ASEAN MINISTERIALS. IF THIS NOT
ALREADY ON THE WAY, WOULD APPRECIATE COPY TO PASS
TO CHEW.
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